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THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

Concerted Action Pending.

The following letter has been received by the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce from the Tientsin Chamber:

I have the honour to invite the co-operation of your Chamber on the currency question, which is a matter of vital interest to all the commercial communities in China. The question has again been brought vividly before this Chamber by the wholesale depreciation of the local currency, and matters have reached an impasse. In inviting your co-operation you will perhaps allow me to explain in some detail the present situation of the local currency.

The fineness of the local Hongkong Hua Pao is supposed to be 99% and the coins are 95% stamped, but no control has for some time been exercised over the melting shops, and the touch of deterioration is very apparent.

In February, 1908, the Commissioner of Customs issued a notification (vide pp. 40-50 of our 1908 Year Book) that owing to the deterioration of silver an extra 2 per cent would be imposed on all duties. It was not until September 1908, after much agitation, that this illegal charge was done away with, but we were unable to induce the Chinese Authorities to acknowledge their liability for the currency in spite of the fact that all melting shops were required to hold licences from them. Since that date a so-called melting fee of 8% has been charged on all duties, and we have, up to the present, been unable to secure the abolition of this imposition.

No steps have been taken to recall the debased silver, nor efficiently control the issue of new silver. A proclamation was issued by the Tientsin Tuan in March 1908, (vide p. 142 of our 1908 Year Book), which ordered the melting shops to issue only 92% fine metal, and a proclamation was issued a few days later. The position then is this, that the former currency of debased silver, less than 99%, which formed the currency of the port, has been demonetised and that no effective steps have been taken to replace same by another currency. This has led to a state of confusion in all financial transactions to the detriment of trade. Things have reached such a pass that a payment of Ts. 1,000,000 recently required to be made on Chinese Government account "one of the banks could not be made owing to their having no silver of the requisite fineness."

On 18th instant, a special meeting of members of this Chamber was held, and a long resolution was adopted demanding that the debased silver shall be recalled, replaced and remelted, and that an efficient control of all silver melted in future should be maintained. I have the honour to send you under separate cover copies of the correspondence, and of the minutes of the meeting.

The Committee was instructed to invite the co-operation of the other Chambers in China, and I feel confident in laying the facts before your Committee that they will welcome the opportunity to co-operate with us in urging the Diplomatic Corps in Peking to insist on the long promised reform of the currency being carried into effect. There is a strong feeling in this Chamber that we can go on writing despatches interminably without producing any effect, and, as one speaker pointed out at our recent meeting, the foreign community have a very powerful lever in the payments they make to the Customs. If our united representations again bear no fruit, it might be worth considering whether combined action of all the Chambers in the manner indicated would be advisable.

The minutes, which I am forwarding to you, will, I think, give an idea of the serious financial situation here, and, as the agent of one of the banks pointed out, the turning point may be reached at any moment. I feel confident in approaching your Chamber that we shall have your full support in another united endeavour to secure the promised currency reform. We are communicating in the above sense with the Chambers of Commerce at Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, Newchwang, London, and Manchester, and I feel hopeful that if we unite in taking firm action we shall be able, under the new Chinese regime, to secure the desired reform.

After acknowledging the letter, the Hongkong Chamber replied as follows:

I have now the honour to reply to your letter dated 28th June, 1908, on the question of Currency Reform in China.

My Committee are fully prepared, as they have always been, to take part in any concerted action having for its object the improvement of the present currency affairs to which you call attention. It is requested that the present endeavour will take the form of a joint memorandum, and my Committee will be glad to receive a draft of it in due course.

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By Order of the Court of Directors,  
J. E. M. SMITH,  
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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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	牛柳	30
	牛腰	20
	牛頭	20
	牛心	18
	牛肩	18
	牛腳	8
	牛腰	10
	牛尾	18
	牛肝	12
	牛肚	6
	仔頭	6
	羊排骨	22
	羊三	22
	羊手	22
	猪藏	22
	猪腦	22
	猪脚	22
	猪雜	22
	猪心	22
	猪腰	22
	猪肝	21
	猪肺	21
	猪骨	21
	咸猪肉	21
	猪比	21
	猪油	21
	羊頭肉	21
	羊心	21
	羊腰	21
	羊肝	21
	猪仔	20
	生口	20
	雞仔	30
	鵝	23
	鴨	20
	Doves	18
	Egg, Hen	20
	Fowl, Canton	32
	Hainan	28
	Geese, Wild Shal.	22
	Gesse, Wild Shal.	22
	Musk Duck	22
	Bare, Shaugh	22
	Partridge	22
	Pheasant	22
	Doves, Pan	22
	Rice Birds	22
	Snipe, Sa-Ohay	22
	Turkey Cock	22
	Hen	45
	Wild Ducks, Shal.	22
	Teal, Sul Ap Chai	22
	Wild Ducks' Gullet	22
	Fish	22
	Bream, Bin Yu	12
	Canton Fresh Water Fish, Hol Sin Yu	17
	Carp, Li Yu	22
	Catfish, Ohi Yu	20
	Codfish, Mon Yu	18
	Crabs, Hal	24
	Cuttle Fish, Muk Yu	16
	Dab, Sa Mang Yu	18
	Dace, Wong Mol Lun	14
	Dog Fish, Tit Yu	10
	Eels, Congor, Hal Manc	18
	Fresh water, Tum Sin Yu	18
	Eels, Yellow, Wong Shu	28
	Frog, Tien Kai	36
	Garoupa, Sek Pan	52
	Gudgeon, Pak Kup Yu	12
	Herring, Tso Pak	18
	Halibut, Cheng Kwan Yu	32
	Labrus, Wong Fa Yu	20
	Fish, Wu Yu	32
	Lobster, Lung Hs	40
	Mackerel, Chi Yu	13
	Monk Fish, Mong Yu	32
	Mullet, Chai Yu	28
	Oysters, Sang Hoo	24
	Fish oil, Kai Kung Yu	20
	Perch, Tan Eoo	18
	Pike, Pa Paw Poong	10
	Plaice, Pan Ya	22
	Pomfret, Black, Hak Chong	28
	Pomfret, White, Pak Chong	40
	Prawn, Bading Bi	56
	Ray, Pai Pa, Ba	10
	Rock Fish, Sek Kya Kyng	18
	Seach, Chin Yu	12

Salmon, Ma Yiu Yu	52
Shark, Sa Yu	10
Skate, Po Yu	11
Shrimps, Ha	28
Snapper, Lap Yu	32
Sole, Tat Sa Yu	28
Tench, Wan Yu	18
Turbot, Cho How Yu	2
Turtles, small, fresh water, Kork Yu	60
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Fruits

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Apples (California), Kam San Ping Kho	-
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" Small, Hoi Tong	13
Custard, Fan Lai Choi	10
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, Ssu Shing	3
Heung Chiu	15
Bananas, (British), Macao, San Hoang Chu	5
Chesnuts, Chinese, Keong Lut	1
Carambola, Young Too	8
Cocoanuts, Yoh Tee	10
Lemons, China, Ning Moong	10
America, Kun San Ning Moon	7
Lichees Dried, Lai Ch Small Stone	20
" Fresh	14
Limes, (Saigon), Sai Kung Ning Moong	12
Mango, Manila, Lui Sung Moong	-
Mangosteens, San Chuk Tsai	-
Oranges, (Canton), Suo Shing Tsim Chang	10
" (Canton), Cooking, Sa Li	8
Peasants, Fa Sang	10
Pembmons Large, Hung Chie	12
Pine-apples, 1st quality, Sheung Poon Tsai	each 10
" Law Law	10
Plantains, Tai Chee	5
Plums, Swatow, Hung Lan	8
Pomegranate, Siam, Chin Lo Yau	each 14
Shanghai, Lo Kwat	10
Walnuts, Hop Lou	12
" Green, Sang Hop Tuo	8
Water Melon, (Am.), Kun San San Kwa	3
" (China), San Kwa	2
Grapes, Sang Po Tai Tsai	24
Vegetables, &c.	-

Artichokes, Shanghai, Sheung Mai Ah

Artichokes, Shanghai, Sheung Mai Ah	-
Chi Cheek	-
Beans, (French), Macao, Oh Moon Pin Tsai	-
" (French), Shanghai, Sheung Mai Ah	-
Pin Tsai	-

Sprout, Ah Choi

Wong, Tan Kok	7
Bee Root, Hung Choi Tsai	10
Brinjals Green, Ching Yuen Yee	15
" Red, Hung Kar	4
Cabbage, Chinese, com, Kai Choy	4
Cabbage Red, Hung Yeh Choy	18
Cabbage Red, (Shanghai), Yeh Choi	18
Cane Shoots, bunch, Kau Shun	-
Calliflower, Large size, Tai Yek Cho, tsia	each 10
" Medium size, Cheung Yeh Cho, tsia	each 8
" Small size, Sat Yeh Cho, tsia	each 5
Carrots, Kam Shu	10
Celeri, Chinese, Tong Kan Choi	5
" English, Faung	5
Chillies Dried, Con Lat Chiu	5
" Red, Hung Mu	5
" Green, Ching Lat Chiu	5
Carry Staff, English, Ka Lee Cho	10
Cucumbers, Oding Kwa	5
Bitter Squash, Fu Kwa	5
Carrot, Sun Tsu	5
Junger, young, Sun Tsu Keung	5
" old, Le Keung	10
Horn Radish, Shui Lik Kap	5
Ludim Corn, Sak Mai	10
Lettuce, Yeung Sang Choi	1
Water Chestnuts, Ma Tsi	10
Mandarin, Kwoi Lum Ma Tsi	45
Mushrooms, Frash, Sung Cho Kho	45
Musk Melon, (Amer.), Kun San Hong Kwa san	-
Oakrots	10
Onions, Bombay, Young Chong Tsai	8
" Green, Sang Chong	8
Shanghai, Sheung Hoi Chung Tsai	5
Papaw, 1st qual., Tai Man Sau Kwa	15
" 2nd, Chung	10
Parsley, Kun Cho	per b \$1.20
Green Peas, Ching Tat	-
Tomatoes, Sweet, Fan Shu	-
" Shanghai, Sheung Hoi Shu Tsai	-
" Japan, Yen Poon Shu Tsai	-
" American, Fa Ki	-
" Foochow, Fok Chua Shu Tsai	-
Pumpkin, Tong Kwa	-
Radish, Hung lo, Pak Tsai	-
Rhubarb (Fresh), Tai Wong	-
Sage, (Chi So)	bund
Saloets, Con Chung Tsai	7
Spinach, Yih Choi	4
Tomatoes, Fan Shu	4
" English, Yen Poon Shu Tsai	-
Vegetable Marrow, Chih Kwa	3
" (Am.), Kun San Chih Kwa	-
Water Cresses, Sai Young Choi	8
" English, Yen Poon Shu Tsai	-
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" (Am.), Kun San Chih Kwa	-
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Auction.  
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, etc., at No. 2, Fairview, Nathan  
Road, Kowloon.

Amusements.

8 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, August 16.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, etc., at Corribill, Quarry Bay.  
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date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, August 17.—  
Goods per Buslow undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.  
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2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios,  
etc., at Mr. Geo. F. Lammer's Sales  
Rooms.

THURSDAY, August 19.—  
3 p.m.—Auction of Steam Launch Swallow  
alongside Queen's Statue Wharf.

FRIDAY, August 20.—  
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date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, August 21.—  
Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation at the  
City Hall.

MONDAY, August 22.—  
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong & Wham-  
poo Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1909.

ANTUNG AND MUKDEN RAILWAY  
STATEMENTS.

On Thursday evening we were able to  
lay before our readers the full official  
statement published by the Foreign  
Office in Tokyo regarding Japan's at-  
titude in the Antung-Mukden Railway  
affair and at the same time a telegraphic  
summary of the statement issued this  
morning by the Wei-wu-pu in Peking.  
Both statements fully bear out what has

already been written regarding the posi-  
tion taken up by either Power in the  
course of the wearisome negotiations.  
Japan in her communiqué to the press  
describes the line as being 168 miles in

length, with a gauge of 2 feet 6 inches,

and then proceeds to state the circum-

stances under which it was built. It  
was originally a purely military line  
hastily laid down during the Russo-  
Japanese war of 1904-5 and to avoid the  
construction of tunnels and bridges, for  
which there was no time, the line was  
given a wide detour, involving many  
steep gradients and short and sharp  
curves. Owing to these defects there is  
naturally frequent danger of derailment.  
The hauling capacity of the locomotives  
is very small, three or four cars constituting  
a maximum train, and in some  
portions of the line where the grades are  
steep, trains have to be divided into two  
or more separate hauls. The speed  
capacity of the engines is also neces-  
sarily very low, while travel on the line  
by night is impracticable. Transit  
between Antung and Mukden requires  
two full days.

The war being over and peace declared,  
Japan was anxious to remedy the  
defects in the railway and to convert it into a line suitable for the  
exigencies of commerce. For this purpose  
Count Komura, in negotiating the treaty  
of Peking—which followed as a natural  
sequel to the treaty of Portsmouth—had inserted a stipulation providing for the  
improvement of the line. The improvements  
which Japan considers must be  
made she sets forth plainly and at length.  
The statement reads:—"Improvements  
which are absolutely essential include  
the building of bridges, boring of  
tunnels, straightening and grading of  
the line, and the changing of the gauge  
similar to the Korean and South Man-  
churian Railway systems. With these  
improvements the distance will be shortened,  
time of transit from Antung and Mukden reduced from two full days  
to eight or nine hours and the general  
efficiency of the line will be established.  
Without them the Railway will remain  
as at present entirely useless for com-  
mercial purposes."

It all seems very reasonable yet China  
procrastinated and objected till finally a  
mixed Chinese-Japanese Commission  
was appointed to survey the route.  
Even then China found opportunities  
for delay and finally Japan decided to  
proceed without her co-operation.

China's answer to this exposition of  
Japan's position is that she has no ob-  
jection to the change of gauge if the  
gauge of the Peking-Mukden line is  
adopted, but she objects altogether to  
any change in the route. This refers,  
we presume, to the straightening and  
grading of the line, the cutting off  
of corners by tunnelling, all of which  
are absolutely necessary if the line  
is to be of any commercial use. We  
expect, however, that in the negotiations  
about to be reopened that this point will  
not be adhered to by China, though we  
admit that it is an ominous fact that  
as recently as June 24th last she informed  
Japan that no broadening of the  
gauge could be permitted.

A more troublesome point refers to  
the policing of the railway. Both  
Russia and Japan have the right at  
present to station railway guards  
along the portion of the route of  
the Manchurian railway line which  
they respectively control. It was ren-  
dered absolutely necessary owing to  
the ravages of the Hungshui, ravages  
which China was absolutely unable to  
punish, much less put down. Now that  
the country has relapsed into a more  
normal condition and the depredations  
of the Hungshui are few and far be-  
tween China is inordinately anxious  
that the railway guards should be dis-  
banded or at least replaced by Chinese  
soldiers. To this neither Japan nor  
Russia can consent so long as they re-  
tain possession of the main trunk line of  
the Manchurian railway and are respon-  
sible for the good and peaceful govern-  
ment of the railway zone. The objection  
holds good of course for the Antung  
railway also. It is a sore point with  
China, especially in these days, of  
the "Rights Recovery" mania, for  
the presence of the foreign railway  
guards indicates that she has temporar-  
ily lost the sovereignty of the region  
through which the railway passes.  
Between the lines of the two

Statements we gather that China pressed  
this question of railway guards and

police authority to quite an unresolvable  
length, for in her final statement she  
makes the unequivocal declaration that  
Japan is merely using the commercial  
aspects of the Antung-Mukden line as  
a pretext, her real motives being  
strategical, in other words, that she  
wishes to use the line for military  
purposes. Considering that Russia  
and Japan had agreed at Portsmouth to  
a treaty of peace which should run for  
ten years, and that France, England and  
America have entered into agreements  
with Japan to respect the integrity of  
China, we are somewhat reluctantly  
driven to accept the suggestion that  
another Power is speaking in this  
matter, using China as a mouthpiece  
—a willing mouthpiece at that, to all  
appearances. There were many people in  
the Far East who prophesied when  
the Portsmouth peace treaty was  
signed that we were but entering  
on a ten-year truce, and that at the  
end of that period Russia and  
Japan would be again at grips. We  
cannot say we endorse that view of the  
situation, at the same time it is cer-  
tainly singular, all things considered,  
that China should be so obstinate in  
declaring that Japan's object in re-  
building the Antung-Mukden railway  
is really military not commercial. Her  
inspiration may, have come from St.  
Petersburg, or it may not. At any rate,  
Russian diplomats are evidently per-  
turbed at the turn of events and are said  
to be intervening both in Tokyo and in  
Peking, being animated by a  
laudable endeavour to find a peaceful  
solution. That their efforts will meet  
with a successful termination seems  
highly probable, if the telegrams printed  
last evening contain any indication of  
the real aspect of the present situation.  
Peking "hopes for an amicable  
settlement"; in Tokyo "it is expected  
that a settlement satisfactory to both  
parties will be arrived at"—and where  
two people honestly set out with the  
intention of finding a practical exit  
from a difficult situation that exit is  
generally to be found. Of course that  
is the crux of the whole question, is  
China honest in her declarations?

#### FUNERAL OF MR ERICH GEORG.

The mortal remains of the late Mr Erich  
Georg were laid to rest on Thursday even-  
ing in the Protestant cemetery, Happy  
Valley. Rev. Pfarrer Leuchner, acting  
chaplain of the Berlin mission, officiated.  
There was a very representative gathering  
at the graveside, members of the German  
and British mercantile communities as-  
sembling to pay the last tribute of respect  
to a man who had won the esteem of all  
for his high integrity and genial disposition.  
The mourners included Dr. Vorstach,  
(German Consul), Mr. von Wiser (Austrian  
Consul), Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. E. J.  
Hughes, T. Hough, W. Clarke, Rose,  
Schwartz, W. Helms, Nielsen, N. Siebe,  
Engel, H. Broderup, Malcher, J. C. Kitzmehle,  
A. Koehn, K. Duthers, C. R. Lenzenbach,  
Baudou, F. Schwarkopf, J. C. Kitzmehle,  
C. Schrotter and others.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.**

On July 15 Colonel John Bower, the  
oldest retired officer of the British Army,  
celebrated his 100th birthday. Colonel  
Bower began his military career in 1825.

Recollections of the old China tea  
clippers are revived by the tragic death at  
Wingham, Kent, on July 6th, of Captain  
H. W. Brown, formerly of the Challenger  
and latterly of the Wyo. Capt. Brown  
was 72 years of age, was thrown out of  
the bed of his friend, Dr. Henry, and  
received such injuries to the head that  
death must have been almost instantan-

eous.

**ITEMS AT THE COURTS.**

A Chinaman who was called as a witness  
at the Court of Summary Jurisdiction this  
morning was so excited that he could not  
remember his own name.

The case in which O. E. Owen, proprietor  
of the Grand Carlton Hotel, sued C. E.  
Shield for \$60, said to be due for board  
and residence, was mentioned in the Court  
of Summary Jurisdiction this morning. Mr  
Hinds (from the office of Messrs. Brutton  
and Hott) saying that the dispute had been  
settled subject to payment of an agreed  
amount of costs by Mr. Owen to Mr.  
Shield.

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#### THE COLONY'S REVENUE.

##### Increased Liquor Licences.

**POSITIONS OF THE FUTURE.**

At a meeting of the Legislative Council  
this afternoon an important discussion took  
place on the measures to be taken by the  
Government for the increase of the Colonial

revenue. After dealing further with the ques-  
tion, His Excellency said he held no bigoted  
views on the subject on one side or the other; in fact, in his opinion the arguments  
in favour of import duties or of a spirit  
farm were very evenly balanced. The  
resolution had been given "great thought"  
and it was considered that the suggested  
form would be most welcome to the  
community, would involve less disturbance  
of trade than any other, and that was at the present moment the one

that was most practicable. If it failed  
in its object it might be necessary to resort  
to import duties or a spirit farm.

His Excellency pointed out that there  
was no increase on beer, because of

the fact that the attempt to establish  
breweries in the Colony had not met with

great success, and it was not thought advisable

at present to place heavier burdens on the  
existing one. It was agreed that the amount  
from spirits amounted to about 2½ lakhs.

The spirit farm in the Straits Settlements  
amounts about 7½ lakhs, and he thought

in all probability that there were

a larger number of consumers in this

Colony than in the Straits Settlements.

They might, therefore, say that in round

figures, the consumers of liquor in

this Colony paid half or less than

half what was paid by the community in

the Straits Settlements. In conclusion

His Excellency said there was any opposition in

the Colony to the consumption of liquor

without tax.

In the suggestion of Mr Murray Stewart,

the discussion on the subject was adjourned

for a week, so that those interested

might acquaint themselves with the views

of the Government on the matter previous

to His Excellency's speech.

[Continued.]  
**RECALL OF H. E. WU  
TING-FANG.**

#### RESHUFFLING DIPLOMATIC CARDS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

## DIPLOMATIC MOVEMENTS.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, August 13.

It is said that Chang Ying-tung, will be appointed Chinese Minister to America, succeeding Wu Ting-fang, who will be recalled. Ng Chang-him will be appointed Minister to Italy, in succession to Chin Shun. Both the new Ministers will receive the star of the 1st order, 3rd class.

## A CENSOR'S OPINION.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, August 13.

Chiu Ting-chin, a censor, has memorialized the Throne that the appointment of Princes Shun and Yu-lung, and General Tsai Fu, second son of Prince Ching, to control the military department, is most improper and quite opposed to the system of constitutional government which China desires to set up.

## A TOUR OF ENQUIRY.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, August 13.

Prince Shun will leave Peking within a fortnight to tour the coast provinces in search of naval stations.

## BANDMANN COMIC OPERA CO.

## "A Waltz Dream."

"A Waltz Dream," fanned as the rival of "The Merry Widow," was produced last night in the presence of a large and most appreciative audience. For those present who had previously witnessed the play elsewhere it was a time of the revival of happy memories, so well was the piece interpreted, while the occasion was equally delightful to patrons who were given their initial introduction to the popular comic opera. The Bandmann Merry Little Maids Co. had on a prior visit established for themselves an excellent reputation, but it is safe to aver that last night they excelled all previous performances.

The hero of charming girls, the admiring staging, the grace and ease displayed in the acting, and above all the enchanting music which permeated the whole piece, combined to produce a feeling of satisfied delight among the auditors, who gave many evidences of their appreciation of the fare provided.

"A Waltz Dream" has often been described as the rival of "The Merry Widow." In many respects, though it trespasses on the idea which principally contributed to the success of the latter piece, it is greatly superior. The music, while equally attractive to the popular ear, is of a higher standard altogether, reminding one in its dainty phrasing, quaint and original part singing and its delightful orchestration, of the palmy days of comic opera. Lieutenant Niko, of the Austrian Army, has been chosen as the Prince Consort of the Princess Helena, only daughter of the King of Flausenthal, in order to continue the dynasty. On the night of the betrothal, disgraced with the trammels of court etiquette, he breaks out of the Palace, and has an adventure with the leader of a ladies' Vienna Band in the gaudy restaurant. The Princess, in the third act, declares that he is in love with Fransie, the leader of the orchestra, who is about to give him his freedom. Fransie, anxious to give him his freedom, goes to Fransie to his bride. The pair are left together as Fransie sadly leaves the stage, still playing the waltz refrain on her violin.

One quite one of the features of the evening was the delightful vocal work of the artists, including as it did quartettes, trios, duets and solos. In this connection special mention is due of the efforts of Miss Mabel Gregory, who used a delightfully clear and flexible voice with great success, her notes on the upper register being unusually pure and strong. Her acting in the part of Princess Helena was, too, extremely effective. Mr A. L. Cowen and Mr G. V. Arnold were also in fine voice, and they quite took the house by storm when they introduced the waltz melody as a duet—a melody which was constantly recurring as the pieces proceeded, and which was quite "catching."

Of the other artists it needs only be stated that it was of a high-class order, though a specific word must be given to Mr. Frank Danby as the famous old King Jonathan. To-night's performance by the Merry Little Maids promises to be one of the best which they have put before the Hongkong public. The music is by Leslie Sturt and contains some of the finest work he has turned out since "Flondon," while Mr. Bandmann's hit in the piece is shown by the fact that he selected it to open his new Empire Theatre, Calcutta. The principals are excellently suited in their parts. Mr. Frank Danby and Mr. A. F. Birth play a pair of well contrasted sailor men, the one bright and merry, the other doleful and lugubrious, who somehow get involved in the doings of a comic opera hand of conspirators. "The Red Liberator," Miss Mabel Gregory as Consuelo, the Cuban Girl, and Miss Rosie Fitzgerald as Letitia, have some beautiful music in the composers' best style, while Mr. Fred Coyne, associated with the "Six News," sang with "Mae" with skill and numbers which made such a phenomenal hit in the American production. The staging and dressing of the piece is said to be on the most elaborate scale that has been attempted in the East. Local players should certainly avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing "Havanna" to-night.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard presided at the meeting of the Legislative Council which was held this afternoon. There were also present:

Gen. CHARLES DANIEL, Officer commanding the Troops.

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Hon. Sir HENRY BERKELEY, K.C., Acting Attorney General.

Hon. Mr. P. N. H. JONES, Acting Director of Public Works.

Hon. Mr. C. McL. MASSON, Acting Colon. M. Treasurer.

Hon. Mr. A. W. BREWITT, Registrar General.

Hon. F. J. BADLEY, Capt. Sup't. of Police.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWITT.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI.

Hon. Mr. WRI YUK, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.

Hon. Mr. MCKEY STRAWARD.

Mr. C. CLLEMENT (Clerk of Councils).

MALICIOUS DAMAGE ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Malicious Damage Ordinance, 1905.

Part I provides penalties in respect of malicious damage to Railways and Tramways. The Principal Ordinance was based on the Imperial Act 2 & 3 Vict., cap. 27, (the Malicious Injuries to Property Act, 1881) but omitted those two sections, presumably because they were now in force in Hongkong in 1905. Part II.—The Preservation Ordinance 1888 makes provision for the levy of a special rate assessed upon villages by whose inhabitants there is sufficient reason to believe that trees have been destroyed. It has however proved unsatisfactory in practice for the following reasons:—(a) Villages in the New Territories are not assessed for rates and thus special rates cannot accordingly be levied upon them until an assessment has been made. (b.) By Order of the Governor-in-Council under the Rating Ordinance 1901, tenements below a value of \$2,000 are not rateable. The special rate accordingly can be assessed only upon the few better class houses in a village, the majority of the inhabitants receiving the benefit, while damage is done to Crown property or land in the neighbourhood of a village, all persons who possess land in or near the village shall be liable to a fine.

The Bill was read a first time.

RATING ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Rating Ordinance, 1901.

This Bill provides for rates of assessment for rates of villages and areas in the New Territories and elsewhere in the Colony.

The Bill was read a first time.

TRAMWAY ORDINANCE.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Tramway Ordinance, 1902.

The object of the Bill is to supply an accidental omission from section 21 of the Tramway Ordinance, 1902, of the words "telegraph" and "electric" after the word "telegraphic" in the seventeenth line of the section; and to make further and better provision for the settlement of differences between the Tramway Company and Government Department.

The Bill was read a first time.

LICENSING.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Licensing Ordinance, 1908.

The object of the Bill is to supply an accidental omission from section 21 of the Licensing Ordinance, 1908, of the words "telegraphic" and "electric" after the word "telegraphic" in the seventeenth line of the section; and to make further and better provision for the settlement of differences between the Tramway Company and Government Department.

The Bill was read a first time.

LIQUOR LICENCES.

Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1908, and the Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1908.

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NIPPON MARU..... 11,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 26th Sept., at Noon.

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AUG., at 4 p.m.

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT TAMB. MARU..... TUESDAY, 1st

SEPT., at 4 p.m.

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CAPT. K. IWATA, Tons 6500 Sept., at Noon.

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AUG., at 5 p.m.

KOBE & YOKOHAMA..... TUESDAY, 17th

AUG., at 5 p.m.

MIYASAKI MARU..... FRIDAY, 27th

AUG., at 5 p.m.

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Steamer TONE	Leave	Steamer	Due
ARCADIA.....7000	1 p.m. Saturday	MANTUA.....11000	Saturday, March 5
ASSAYA.....7500	Feb. 18	CHINA.....8000	March 19
DELTA.....8000	March 5	MALWA.....11000	April 2
MAGDONIA.....10500	March 18	(Through steamer calling at Bombay)	April 18
DEVANHA.....8000	April 1	MONGOLIA.....11000	April 30
ASSAYA.....7500	April 18	MONTARA.....11500	May 14
DELTA.....8000	April 30	MOBIA.....11000	May 25
DELTA.....8000	May 14	MOLCHAN.....10000	June 12

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* NYANZA.....6700	February 23	April	9	
BUNDA.....	March 23	May	7	
MATA.....6865	April 2	June	4	
SARDINIA.....6870	April 4	June	18	
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## HONGKONG CHAMPIONSHIP LAWN BOWLS COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the above Committee was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at 5.30 p.m.

The following gentlemen were present: Messrs. Russell and Patric (Rowlton), Mulver and Dawson (G.S.C.C.), Langley (Police), Urquhart and Scott (Taikoo). The Representatives of the Cosmopolitan Club wrote expressing their sympathy with the meeting and regretting their unavoidable absence.

Mr. Russell was elected president and Mr. Dawson was elected Vice-President and Treasurer. It was proposed by Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Langley, that a single Championship be held open to all comers. Carried.

With reference to the single champion-

ship the following rules were agreed upon:

That the competition should be played under the Scottish Bowling Association rules. Bowls No. 3 shall be used by a standard marker to be used; composition to be played on neutral green; Rowlton, Civil Services and Police Club Greens to be used for play-

ing off. Ties to be drawn complete from

the start, list to be posted in each Club.

Reference to be mutually agreed upon by

competing pairs. Delegates from each club

to send weekly returns to the secretary of

matches played on the ground of the club

they represent. Entrance fee to be \$2.

To be paid on nomination. First prize cup

to cost two-thirds of the amount received in

entrance fees. Second prize cup, up to

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